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FROM: RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
Chief Deputy County Counsel

RE: **Amendments to Title 10 and Title 22 Re: "Service Dogs"**

As instructed by your Board on March 30, 2004, our office has prepared two ordinances to accommodate persons with physical disabilities who own a "service dog." In general, a service dog is a dog trained to do work or perform tasks for these individuals.

The first ordinance amends Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code ("County Code") by exempting service dogs from the maximum number of dogs that otherwise may be boarded without requiring a dog kennel license. In a similar manner, the second ordinance amends Title 22 of the County Code by exempting service dogs from the maximum number of dogs that otherwise may be kept in a dwelling unit in residential and agricultural zones.

We understand that these ordinances will be placed concurrently on your Board's August 28, 2004 agenda for adoption by the Department of Animal Care and Control and the Department of Regional Planning, respectively. The reason that the ordinances will be placed separately on the agenda is that the Title 22 ordinance, but not the Title 10 ordinance, has a public hearing requirement under state law. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact me, Assistant County Counsel Richard D. Weiss at (213) 974-1921, or Principal Deputy County Counsel Lawrence L. Hafetz at (213) 974-1876.

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c: David E. Janssen
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